



# Maritime Spatial Planning in the European Union

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**(ALMOST) TEN YEARS AGO...**

**Commission Proposal for a Directive  
establishing a Framework for Maritime  
Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal  
Management**

**COM(2013) 133 FINAL**

**International Hydrographic Organisation, Paris  
26/06/2013**

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**EU MSP Directive**  
All EU countries must set  
plans by 2021



**Funding  
MSP cross-  
border projects**  
Producing data, tools,  
methodologies



**EU MSP  
Platform**  
Technical support,  
studies and  
workshops

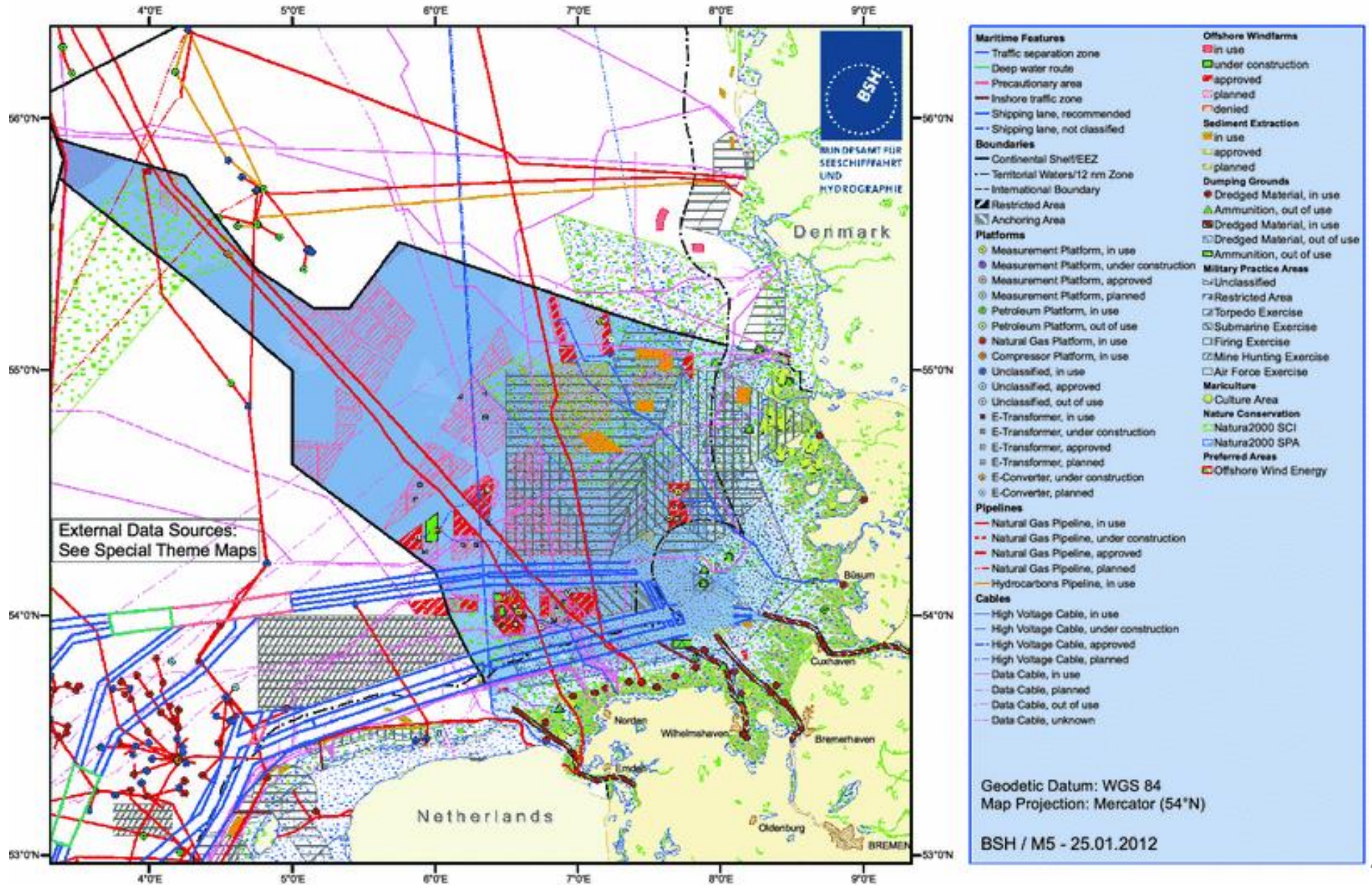


**MSP Expert Group**  
Exchanges of best  
practices in the EU



**International MSP**  
Best international practices,  
transboundary pilot projects,  
international workshops

# GERMANY'S MARITIME SPATIAL PLAN (North Sea)



# MSP CROSSBORDER COOPERATION PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE EU

SIMATLANTIC

MSP-OR

eMSP

PLASMAR

OCEAN METISS

MARSp

tpea Transboundary Planning European Atlantic

SEANSE

North SEE

Balt Sea Plan

PanBaltic Scope

BalticScope

MASP NOSE

SIMCELT

Simnorat

Simwest med

MSP-MED

Supreme

ADRIPLAN

MARSPLAN BS-I

MARSPLAN BS-II

CAPACITY4MSP  
Strengthening the capacity of MSP stakeholders and decision makers

Balt Coast

SEAPLANSACE

BALTSPACE

PLAN BOTHNIA

Baltic LINES  
Lipenski i Nowe Innowacje w Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans

PartiSEApate  
MULTI-LEVEL COOPERATION IN MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING THROUGHOUT THE BALTIC SEA REGION





## How are we doing in implementing the MSP Directive?

REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL outlining the progress made in implementing Directive 2014/89/EU establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning Involve stakeholders COM(2022)185 of 3 May 2022

- gives a picture in time - an overview of progress, as required under the Directive, assesses **transposition and conformity**.
- it also looks at developments that have had a bearing on the implementation of the Directive since its adoption in 2014, notably the **European Green Deal**.



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- The report distinguishes **4 groups** of Member States (1):
- (1) those whose maritime spatial planning processes either predated the directive or that started very early: **Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Malta and Lithuania.**
- (2) a large group that succeeded within the deadline fixed by the directive, or missed it by less than one year: **Finland, Latvia, Poland, Denmark, France, Ireland, Slovenia, Sweden, Portugal (except Azores).**
- (3) Five Member States did not yet make sufficient progress towards establishing maritime spatial plans in line with the directive's requirements, so that the Commission sent them letters of formal notice on 2 December 2021: **Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy and Romania.**
- (4) Several Member States are advanced in producing draft plans and proceeding towards final adoption, which should happen in the coming months: **Estonia, Spain and Bulgaria.**

(1) The Directive applies to 22 Member States (land-locked MS are exempt)



## What next?

- **Member States** will continue to implement the MSP Directive by developing and adopting their Maritime spatial plans and **reviewing them at least every 10 years.**
- The coming years will see a **step change in the role of MSP** for the sustainable development of seas, likely accelerated by the implementation of the **European Green Deal** and related legislation and strategies, like EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 or the EU strategy on offshore renewable energy.



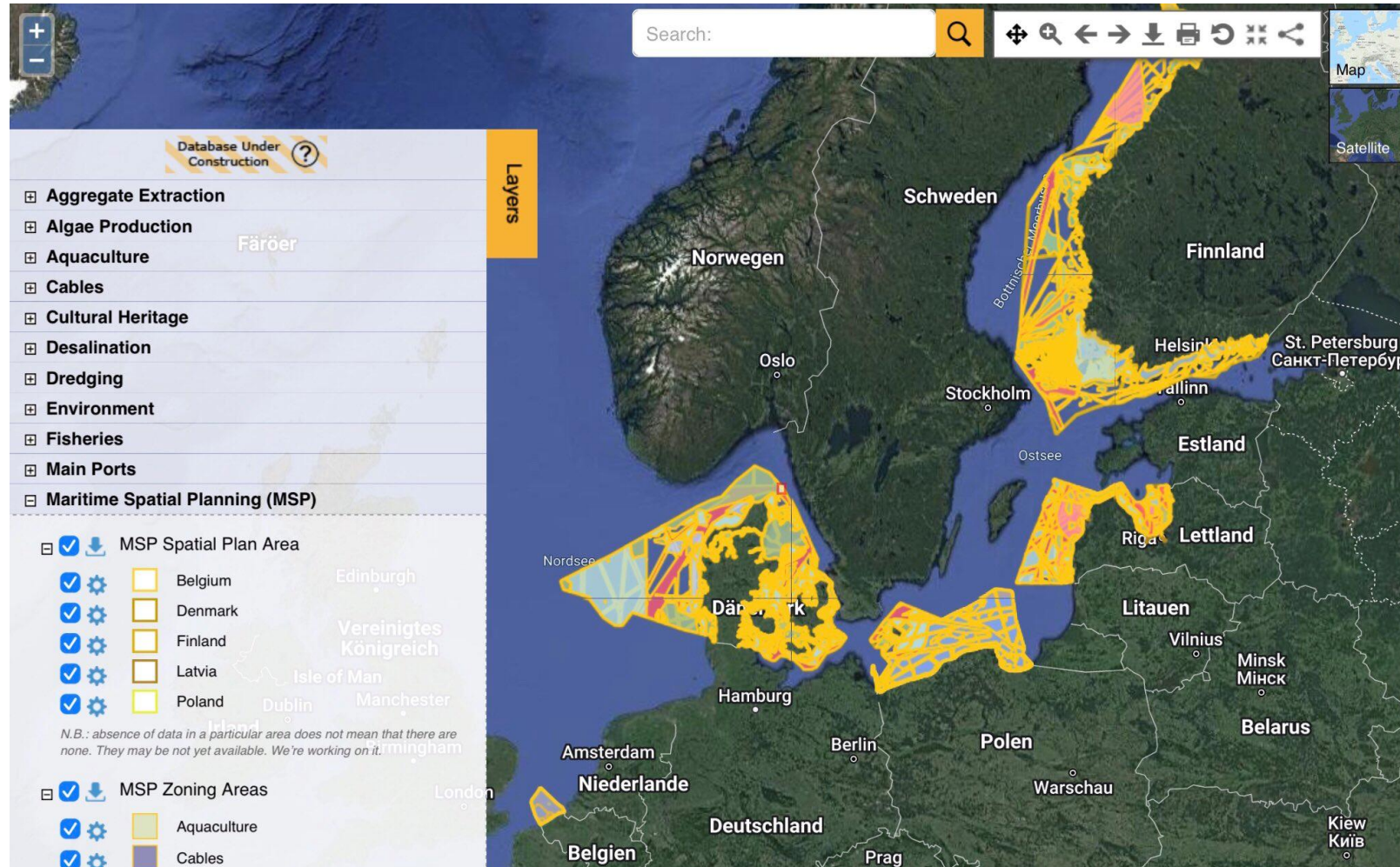


## What next?

### ➤ The Commission:

- will **continue to support cross-border projects** and policy dialogue helping to develop a large and diverse MSP community across the EU.
- will expand the necessary dialogue between the various users of the sea by setting up a “**Blue Forum**” for sea users in 2022 and providing continuous support for MSP.
- will closely follow up on the **infringements** and monitor those countries that promised to adopt their plans by now (and infringe if necessary)
- encourages Member States to **upload their plans in EMODnet** so that the maritime spatial plans can be seen in their entirety in European waters;

## And here examples of MSP plans in EMODNET!





*More background information at:*

[https://ec.europa.eu/oceans-and-fisheries/ocean/blue-economy/maritime-spatial-planning\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/oceans-and-fisheries/ocean/blue-economy/maritime-spatial-planning_en)

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**THANK YOU!**